

Ready to Run for Office?

To become an announced candidate for local or county political office:

You must first file with the Supervisor of Elections Office a Form DS-DE 9, which provides for an Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository. This must be filed before opening a campaign account. Nothing prohibits a person from *pronouncing* his or her intention to become a candidate prior to filing this form, as long as no contributions are received and no expenditures are made.

Within 10 days after filing form DS-DE 9, each candidate must file the Statement of Candidate Form DS-DE 84. This form states that the candidate has received, read and understands the requirements of Chapter 106, F.S.

Qualifying Procedures:

If you choose to qualify by petition method for County office you must obtain signatures of one percent (1%) of the total number of registered voters at the last General Election. There is a deadline to file petitions so give us a call as soon as you have decided to run.

If you choose to qualify by paying a qualifying fee, instead of by petition method, a campaign check must be written for the total amount of the fee, made payable to the Supervisor of Elections. Please contact our office for further information.

The qualifying period for State, County and Special District is Noon on the 71st day through Noon on the 67th day prior to the Primary Election Day. Candidates can pre-file at any time prior to qualifying.

Come in and see us!

If you are ready to run for office, we are here to help! Please stop by our office at 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle to receive a candidate packet and answer any questions you may have.